

TAFT SENDS KNOX TO THE CARIBBEAN

World-Wide Significance Attached to the Diplomatic Mission of Secretary of State.

POWERS FOMENTING TROUBLE

Speeches Interpreted by European That Principle of America for Americans Must Be Observed.

Washington, Feb. 11.—World-wide significance attaches to the visit soon to be made by Secretary Knox, at the direction of President Taft, to the countries bordering on the Caribbean sea.

European diplomats, recalling a recent speech of Mr. Knox before the New York State Bar association on the Monroe doctrine, look upon the proposed trip with more than a passive interest. That speech now is being interpreted as the latest policy given by the United States that the principle of America for Americans must be observed.

Central American diplomats were unanimous in their statements to-night that the secretary's visit not only would allay internal doubt as to the attitude of the United States government toward their country but would ward off possible encroachments of nations in the other hemisphere.

The present state of unrest in many Latin-American countries, the efforts of the state department to maintain neutrality as between the republics of the south and its endeavors to unravel their internal tangles have proceeded, it is said, not without the potential influence of world powers.

Particular attention was drawn by a number of diplomats, discussing the visit, to the fact that Secretary Knox's speech, to those portions in which he advocated the immediate adoption of the loan conventions with Nicaragua and Honduras, now ending in the United States Senate, it was pointed out that Mr. Knox had urged their passage because of "the ever-increasing political reason of avoiding the danger of European entanglement in the affairs of the countries surrounding the Caribbean."

MALADY ACUTE NEAR CANAL

Another paragraph that elicited renewed comment to-day was that in which he said: "The logic of political geography and of strategy and now our tremendous national interest created by the Panama canal make the safety, the peace and the prosperity of Central America and the zone of the Caribbean of paramount interest to the United States. Thus, the malady of revolutions and financial collapse is most acute precisely in the region where it is most dangerous to us. It would not be sane to uphold a great policy like the Monroe doctrine and to repudiate its necessary corollaries and neglect the sensible measures which reason dictates as safeguards."

It was pointed out to-day that the adopted policy of the United States, to bolster up these countries on this hemisphere, had in a measure been a consequence of pressure from European countries where European financial interests have suffered losses through the volatile and incompetent administration of Central American politicians, the United States has taken a decided stand though not without meeting the apprehensive scrutiny of political parties in some of the republics.

It is understood that aside from the moral effect that Secretary Knox's visit may have in removing suspicions of American territorial aggrandizement, the heads of various Central American countries will receive a personal explanation of the hopes of the United States with reference to the Panama canal.

CHOICES OPPORTUNE MOMENT

Opinion was forthcoming among the Central American diplomats that President Taft had chosen an opportune moment to send Secretary Knox to the Caribbean.

Mr. Knox, it is announced, will leave here to-morrow night for Palm Beach, Fla., where he will remain for a week while the cruiser Washington is preparing to receive him. About Wednesday, February 21, he plans to leave and probably will sail direct to Colon, Panama. After visiting the canal he will embark from the Pacific coast, proceeding up the west coast of Central America because many of the capitals of those countries are more accessible from the Pacific side. Crossing Guatemala by rail, he will be met again by the cruiser Washington at Porto Barrios and will sail for Caracas, Venezuela, thence to Porto Rico, Santo Domingo, Haiti and Cuba.

DOUBLE TRACK CENTRAL

Grand Trunk Has Completed Plans for Improving Vermont Branch.

Boston, Feb. 9.—General Assistant Warman of the Grand Trunk is quoted as follows: "For the past year we have had under consideration the double-tracking of the Central Vermont main line from the boundary to White River Junction. Plans and specifications for this work

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are already completed. It is our intention to build from Vermont through the Champlain valley a double-track railway of Grand Trunk standard, 100-pound steel rails, steel bridges and no grade crossings."

VERMONTERS AT WASHINGTON.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Representative Fred Allen of Ferrisburgh has been calling on friends around the capitol this week. He is accompanied by F. M. Strong of Vergennes, who will visit here for some days.

A resolution has been adopted by the Senate creating an additional employee for the committee on Cuban affairs, and Senator Page will take advantage of the opportunity to secure the services of an expert stenographer on his office staff from Vermont.

Judge E. W. Gibson of Brattleboro and J. E. Leach of Westminster were in town Tuesday and Wednesday on their way to North Carolina, where they will remain for two or three weeks. Judge Gibson owns a cotton plantation in the old north State which he has not seen for several years, and he thinks the present brand of Vermont winter affords a good excuse for inspecting it.

A recent issue of the Washington Herald, in its daily column of capital notes and noteworthy news, said: "Senator Page seldom walks from place to place. He strides from one spot to another, and in his actions resembles a sort of human cricket." But all admit that he arrives there, nevertheless, and just the same.

INDUSTRY FOR POULTNEY.

Waste from Slate Quarries Is to Be Made Into Paint.

Rutland, Feb. 8.—Poultney is to have a new industry which will utilize waste from the slate quarries to manufacture paint. At a meeting of business men of the town it was voted to accept the proposition of persons interested in the Stano mills at Whitehall, N. Y., to locate a plant in Poultney provided a piece of ground be secured by the townpeople for a site and that the firm be exempt from taxation for a specified time.

Property about a mile north of the village belonging to George Boyce will be bought at once and it is expected that the Stano people will begin operations towards the construction of the new plant about 20 men at first and later will greatly increase its force. The Boyce property is conveniently located as to steam and electric railroad facilities. A spur track will be built to a slate quarry where material will be obtained from which the company will manufacture red, green and purple paint.

A concern which will operate the Poultney branch will be known as the Stano Wood Construction company. The matter of exempting the property from taxation will be decided by the voters at a special town meeting within a short time.

ADmits 29 BURGLARIES.

Lada, 11 to 15 Years Old, Placed on Probation by Court.

Bellows Falls, Feb. 8.—This village has been subject to petty larceny for months past, and it has been generally known that a gang of boys had been carrying on systematic pilfering, and sometimes "breaking and entering."

Owing to information secured by Superintendent Orie K. Collins of the public schools, four arrests were made by the police, and these four boys turned State's evidence and confessed that they and one other boy, who was later arrested, had been guilty of stealing at 29 different places.

George Belrose, Peter Augustinowits, Floyd Bruhand and Adam Swelko were arraigned in the municipal court yesterday afternoon. They pleaded guilty and they were all sentenced to the industrial school during their minority. As three of them were but 11 years old, and the other had only 15, the judge suspended sentence, and placed them on probation for three years. Later on Nelson Willard, aged 15, supposed to be the leader of the gang, was arrested on the evidence submitted by the four boys. He has already been fined once for entering Winnelwiler's store, and has also been in trouble repeatedly on account of truancy.

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BISHOP HALL HINTS AT HIS POSSIBLE RESIGNATION

Depends on Condition of Health When He Returns from the South—Girls' School May Not Open Next Fall.

The February number of The Mountain Echo, the Vermont diocesan paper published quarterly by the missionary committee, has just appeared with a new editor in the person of the Rev. W. T. Forsythe of Richmond. The first page is given up to a letter by Bishop Hall, addressed to the people of the diocese.

Bishop Hall refers to his long illness and to the fact that his physicians insist that he must not travel about the diocese at present and have ordered him to go South for March and April. After that, in May and June, he hopes to go South for ordinary work and make the remaining visitations of the diocesan year. If by that time he is not equal to the work required of him, Bishop Hall says he ought to resign and shall beg to be allowed to do so. He does not favor the appointment of a coadjutor bishop, and says the canons do not provide for one.

With reference to the reopening of Bishop Hopkins Hall, the girls' school, Bishop Hall says: Dr. Hall's illness unfortunately came just at the time when his help was most needed, both in the selection of a principal and in securing the money needed for the completion of the repairs to the building. I have been unable to grapple with these questions, having been disappointed in being unable to secure two or three ladies whom I should have thought admirable for the post; others have hardly seemed exactly suited to our need.

Time has gone on, and now I fear it may be too late to make really good arrangements for next fall. Moreover, practically no effort has been made to secure the needed extra money, and save some personal gifts. It has not come in. The wiring and plumbing of the hall and much else has been done, and paid for from the income of our endowment fund up to this year. We cannot take any of this year's income for the remaining expenses without trenching upon what we should and must have for the beginning of the school itself. Here, as in other matters, I feel that my broken health is a hindrance in the way of what should be done.

In the course of his "notes," Bishop Hall says: Unfortunately at the same time with the bishop's illness, the Rev. George B. Johnson, his chaplain, has fallen in health. Mr. Johnson has not been well since an attack of influenza and bronchitis a year ago, and of late he has only been able to take the fortnightly services at Alburgh, with two Sundays and Christmas day at St. Albans. At the beginning of February he is to go South for a time. What service we may look for from him in the future must be doubtful.

The diocese as well as the parish regrets the enforced absence, especially at this time, of the rector of St. Paul's, Burlington. Dr. Bliss returned from his summer vacation in a poor condition, the result of prolonged anxiety and of repeated shocks. Soon after he was taken by his medical advisers to go abroad for the winter, so as to avoid a complete breakdown. He sailed with his family in the middle of November, and thoroughly encouraging reports both of himself and of his younger daughter (who had been seriously ill through the summer) have been received from Rome.

During the fall, electric lighting was installed at the bishop's house. This was rendered possible by the wires being brought out to Bishop Hopkins Hall. There ought to be a fund for such expenses ("landlord's improvements and repairs") at the bishop's house. This is mentioned now because it might be a serious matter for a bishop with a family. Probably the Rock Point farm might be considered sufficient endowment for such purposes. As a matter of fact it is not, perhaps owing to the present bishop's lack of skill and time for farming. The house was seriously shaken by the blasting for the Rutland railroad in 1899, and the walls, ceilings and woodwork will never wholly recover from the damage then done.

Canada is seeking to negotiate reciprocity with Australia.

Governor Harmon of Ohio has come out against the initiative and referendum.

A despatch from Tien-tsin says that anti-foreign feeling is spreading throughout China.

Butter has dropped six cents a pound to 32 cents at wholesale this week in New York.

The Equitable Life has decided to rebuild on the present site Cabotgrams from J. P. Morgan are said to have approved this.

Plans are making at Pittsburg for a trolley line to connect Pittsburg and Cleveland.

Philadelphia reports shipments of anthracite coal in January at 5,753,000 tons as against 5,804,417 tons in January, 1911.

The French government announces that Myron T. Herrick of Ohio is to be acceptable as ambassador to that republic.

The Senate foreign relations committee has reported favorably a treaty with France and other nations to prohibit the circulation of obscene literature.

President Gomez of Cuba has ordered the dismissal of all officials whose evidence of former hostility to the cause of "Cuba Libre" is presented by the Veterans' association.

Application has been made to the New York board of estimate to have the city

appropriate \$250,000 to build a board walk along the ocean front at Coney Island.

A bill for the revision of the State tax laws has passed the Rhode Island House. A committee has been investigating subject for three years.

A proposition has been advanced to cut a new broad road across Greater London so as to form a highway from southwest to the northeast, to cost \$150,000,000.

The Grand Trunk has asked bids for construction of roadbed and building of Southern New England railway, to bring the Grand Trunk from Palmer, Mass., to Providence.

French military authorities have learned that in case of hostilities with France, the first object of the German military forces would be the aerial bombardment of Paris.

A Pittsburg despatch states that during the last year the steel corporation has sold tinplate for export on a basis practically as low as it can be produced in Wales by Welsh manufacturers.

A contract for 60,000 aluminum canteens, designed to lighten the soldier's equipment and for use over the campfires in case of emergency, is soon to be placed by the ordnance department of the army.

In a note to the German ambassador Secretary of State Knox has again put the United States in the position of a protector of the integrity of the Chinese empire. This government favors a policy of "hands off" in China.

The Canadian government has decided to construct a new Welland ship canal, to cost about \$20,000,000. This involves ultimately deepening the rest of the St. Lawrence system to Montreal, to cost from \$75,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

An English coal strike is believed to be imminent as a result of the failure of the national conference of coal owners and miners to effect a settlement. London cables state that the strike outlook is more gloomy than at any previous time.

President Farrell of the steel corporation states that his company employs 40,000 men in manufacturing steel products for export. These workers receive \$40,000,000 a year in wages. The company maintains 68 foreign sales offices.

There are 1,847,000 workmen in the United States, outside of government employees, who are now working on an eight-hour day. Of these 840,000 are in building trades and 600,000 in mining and quarrying.

Editor Moore of the Pittsburg Leader quotes Colonel Roosevelt as saying: "You can say to the progressives that I will not desert the cause and that they will find me fighting side by side with them to the finish."

The Canadian Supreme Court has decided in favor of the Grand Trunk Pacific against the government in a suit involving \$10,000,000. The Dominion, as guarantor, must make up the difference between the net selling price of the bonds for building the national transcontinental line and par.

A Washington special to the World says that it is admitted at the White House that Secretary Nagel will be appointed to the Supreme Court. Progressives are planning to block the confirmation, obliging to Nagel's record as counsel for the Standard Oil and brewers' trust of St. Louis.

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